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Carl Guardino

Gary Toebben

Co-Chairs, CEQA Working Group

Dear Carl and Gary:

I've yet to receive a response in regards to my letter sent Wednesday (attached), offering to amend SB 731 to incorporate language resolving some of the key concerns raised by the CEQA Working Group and others.

As I said in my earlier letter, I recognize that environmental groups will oppose making some of these changes. Even so, I am prepared to make them if they help with your business group and its allies.

After some reflection, and even in the absence of any response on your part, I wanted to let you know I plan to go ahead and make the amendments. I do this as a gesture of good faith in trying to achieve common ground with your Working Group.

With these amendments, I believe SB 731 achieves significant CEQA reform and modernization, and warrants the CEQA Working Group's support.

My door always is open if it's helpful to discuss further.

Sincerely,


DARRELL STEINBERG
President Pro Tempore

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